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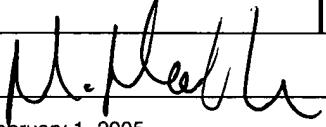
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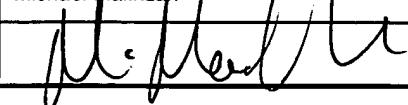
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.